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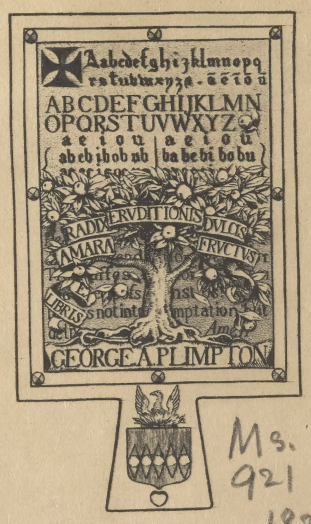

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Note Minor — In Dr. Miller's "History of Doncaster" who was his personal friend, are some interesting particulars of [redacted] early progress in England. His first engagement was by the month in the band of the Durham Militia.

from ++ p266 whom each scarce turned out by dozens to 0572
scores & hundreds from those national seminaries,
could party animosity have shown them so devoid of
candour? could it have rendered their visuals so
opaque as not to discern the distinction
which George 3d so highly merited among his compeers of
every age & country? to 0580 He was no ordinary proficient in what
he gave his full attention to: & we have reason to believe
that, like John Harrison, he was well qualified to dis-
-cuss the eclipses of Jupiters satellites.

It is notorious that his affections were
always "dark as Erebus;" for he loved music, & was
much gratified with the compositions of
Handel, but when a tract on astronomy by
who was professionally a musician, & excelled in it, fell in
he regretted that one so capable of conferring lasting
obligations on the world should be occupied with the modulation
of sounds, & found a remedy which we all know.

In learning did not expand the mind these
savans enough, when "all the world's a stage," to induce them
to look round on the European boards for a performer with
the diadem who joined scientific utility to the most humane
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(however unequal to remedy this hallucination) has his atten-
-tion drawn to the neighbouring kingdom, where Lewis 15th
nearly coeval in chronology, was so surprisingly a contrast!
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from p266 and, which is much worse, he is accused
of not having had recourse to the most reputable

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would not □

-surance it involves, as exemplified in the words "I have
"never shewn any inclination to become a candidate for
"any of these rewards.

The latter Island, which was so near toppling down his ladder, [redacted] of preferment, is enough to preclude any further comment on such a strange vagary. Had he been involved in totally different concerns, some colour might have been given to the tabula rasa which his mind had become on this subject; but with a daily, & hourly recurrence to

means to stock his shelves, if money would not serve his turn. — The

Dr. Maskelyne thinking his honour impeached, & that it behoved him to show he had ~~[illegible]~~ clean hands, informed his astonisht, in his answer, That he is not a candidate for any of the premiums connected with the Lunar discovery of the Longitude, or for the supervision of the Nautical Almanac: That he regularly produces his vouchers for the specific appropriation of what he receives — & certainly the Author ~~[illegible]~~ cast a shadow of doubt on the correctness of the learned Gentleman's assumption. But withal, he cannot forego his amazement at the as- ~~[illegible]~~. — That the Astronomer Royal in mature years having married a Lady of fortune, who charged his family by an only daughter — That having preferment in the church, & being altogether at his ease in a pecuniary view, could make a merit of discarding all mercenary schemes, & yet without once alluding to his moderate & interested ambition at a former period of life: of which decisive of his embarking for St. Helena & for Barbadoes, an extraordinary proof is preserved, in the curious secret ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ the same ideas, who will exonerate him from an ask or aspersion as ever disgraced a man of science? — That notwithstanding this obliviousness

Note- Note at + In questions involving principles in mechanics, it may happen, an intelligent man can swear no more than to the best of his belief; & his belief this year, in consequence of repeated experiments, may not be the same the following.

Commander whose personal enemies after a successful campaign put him to his oath, to find whether he had not embezzled a portion of the spoils taken captured from the foe; & he confessed he had reserved to himself a small wooden oil vessel for making libations to the Gods! An awkward discovery surely, yet the process which showed he did not want whitewashing was legitimate enough. But an oath does not make that clear which cannot be understood without it unless to such clouded ~~capacities~~ faculties as his Lordship's, who directs "That he [the Inventor] shall go regularly through the the explanation of the whole Machine; & if in the process there shall happen to be any thing which the Gentlemen do not understand, then Mr. Harrison shall be put upon his oath, & explain the same upon oath, & that shall be satisfactory." You find subjoined, that "the Gentlemen shall have liberty at all times to ask what questions they think proper; & if they think it necessary, Mr. Harrison shall answer the same upon oath."

It savours of Jack Pudding's jokes, if a description, not sufficiently clear, could be rendered so by being subjected to an oath. But we must observe that the one required from the Claimant previous to the explanation, & which he objected to, for being improperly worded [by Lord Morton] was far from being the only obstacle to the proceedings; for when the method of discovering the invention came under discussion, the Commissioners (if it be not a solecism to speak in the plural) required that exclusive of the drawings, with the written descriptions annexed, which were given up, & also, of those verbal ~~etc~~

from 500 aspertion. so consummate exposition
-ly advanced, Dr. Maskelyne had not forgotten
his loquacious & extravagant indiscretion at Bar-
-bados, where, like Icion, he had grasped a cloud
instead of the reward worth a goddess, were there not
better evidence, might have been inferred from the awk-
-ward extreme & needless reserve he was noted for, oc-
-casions when to withold the information he could
give, had a silly appearance & might be construed as
a want of common politeness. Thus, in an ar- John Harrison
-ticle of the Encyclopaedia, some discrepancy is noticed
between the statements of the
Doctors Mackay & Hutton; the writer then continues
— to reconcile which accounts, "we applied to Dr. Mas ke
"lyne for authentic information; but, with his usual re-
"serve, the Doctor declined giving us any information on
"the subject."

Troubling
as there could be none

Barber of Bagdad, (to remember from our boyish books)

which would be wasted ofter the Timekeeper was to be taken to pieces, there should be "experimental exhibitions" for the satisfaction of the Gentlemen invited to attend. And to this our Mechanician objected, unless they would give him some distinct idea of the experiments that would be wanted. Which was refused, as they said, they would not be confined; but they afterwards named "the tempering of his springs" Ofter this was mentioned, of which it is fair to conclude none knew the drift, except & his Rival, he evinced so pointed a repugnance, as may be readily admitted to have made him appear unreasonable & awkward to treat with, by those who had no clew to the irritated feelings he betrayed at the time, although he was a good natured man.

Had the Gentlemen at the Board looked round them a little, instead of submitting to be led in a string, like the Simkin family, in the frontispiece to the New Bath Guide, they would have found that the Act (he called very properly his own) to amend, explain & alter the original enactment, was as far as possible copied from those resolutions he brought with him ready cut & dry to the meetings of the separate Commission without himself about any difference of opinion or the subject is his construction of them. The 4th. of them, which his Lordship, who, like the talkative , having all the sciences at his finger ends never consulted a watchmaker about, ran thus — "That Mr. "Harrison do explain the method by which he tempers "his metals, particularly his springs, or worms, & "show the experiment of tempering

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" a number of them at once in presence of the said commissi-
"-oners, or a major part of them.

This was assuming ~~The Chairman~~ he
have been accustomed to temper a number of his
springs or worms at once; which it could have much
become the R.S. first to have ascertained the
correctness of, & still more to have pointed out
at whose expence a number of ~~[illegible]~~ them
were to be manufactured for the experiments he pro-
-jected. —— In the Chairman's being informed of the test
that would probably be required, he immediately recollec-
-ed the source of this ignorant sniping, as he thought it,
the description of the process being clear to the commonest
capacity. These experiments by a natural retrospect likewise
recalled the irksome moments of that abortive Commission
which the everlasting intermeddler who now presided at the
Board of Longitude, had been the sole cause of utterly frus-
-trating. —— After every arrangement was in danger of being
overset: after compromised objections, & that at cost of
—— what you will; when the real cause of dispute is dif-
-ferent from what appears on the surface; who would
imagine that when the Invention came to be closely scruti-
-nized, not a single experiment was called for, nor even
contemplated! neither was an oath administered or wanted

[redacted]

!! The cause was simply that the Gentlemen
who received the explanation understood the subject;
while the philosophical quibble, who so oddly con-
-trolled his colleagues, knew nothing to the purpose.

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A digressive note here is transferred to the Appendix under № 8 — from + 503 in continuation

Like Tarsius, he was

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¶ 284 [redacted] What would Junius, who, whatever might be his rank or destination was one of the proudest of men, have said, on finding himself associating so closely with such a Caitiff as he would have deemed Walcot? Yet these people who disgraced more than they did honour to the species, were from the same stock: the same ill blood runs in their veins. Junius suffered a malevolent spirit to suppress all regard for Truth in too numerous instances; & Walcot, in the vulgar phrase, would have lied with the Devil for a bear-skin, & won it. He wrote for a dinner, & made no secret of it, nor yet of his selfish & discreditable [redacted] inducements [redacted] = to cry havoc, & let slip his " dogs of rel —

Were I to write of common folks
No soul would buy my rhymes so queer & jokes;
Then what becomes of mutton, beef & pork?
How would my mastticating muscles work? —
At Princes let but satire lift his gun,
The more the feathers fly, the more's the fun,
E'en the whole world, blockheads & men of letters,
Enjoy a cannonade upon their betters.

That blockhead enjoyed his fun, as he calls it, without the least regard to its veracity, we allow, though we were not prepared for such a thick skulled compliment to his readers; but he might safely have been desired to name any respectable man of letters that felt gratified by his fabrications. — [redacted] recked of [redacted] what ill consequences [redacted] might result from his [redacted] writings, for he asserts —

Panegyric moves with snail-like creep,
And defamation on the lightning wings. To ++ ¶ 505

506 [redacted] Such was, in effect the [redacted] prime

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supporter of the haughty unknown, who wreaks his vengeance
on George 3.rd in the spirit of a New Zealand savage, for in-
juries which must remain for ever undefined, & had
they been to O'connor line p 473

Robert W p 285 "Thos Adams, the Artician & mathemati-
-cal instrument maker, presented his "Treatise
"on the Use of the Globes." to the King, who had given
him permission to bring the volume out under the roy
-al sanction, his Majesty looked over the dedication, &
said, "This is not your writing." "No Sire," replied Adams,
"it was composed for me by Dr. Johnson." "I thought so",
answered the King; "it is excellent — & the better for
being void of flattery, which I hate." The Life and
Times of William 4th By John Watkins L.L.D.

Pamph ++ p 23 The injury to these curious Machines
was not only never resented by the Commissioners of
Longitude, [redacted] by whom they
had been claimed, & in whose trust they were, but from
circumstance stated by the continuators of Dr. Rees,
the misconduct in their removal was aggravated in no
[redacted] degree by the burglar's expedient resorted to to con-
-ceal it; which also prevented the public from benefiting
by these specimens of progressive advance to the great
object sought. — "or an application by our Draughtsman
"to the Astronomer Royal to inspect the interior parts of
"one of the Machines, by the maker in question [Harrison]
"placed at the Observatory, he was informed that permission
"to undo any of the covers, or other parts of the mechanism,

[illegible] /505/ a could not be granted." This was in direct contravention of what is expressly stated, & repeated on the minutes, when they reserved a claim to them, which was "for the use of the public" — & if this catches the notice of M. Croker, under whose special cognizance the proceedings of the Commission of Longitude were latterly, we hope he will take measures to rectify this shameful repulse of scientific enquirers.

Minor Note at □

You must not heed your children's hungry cry,
Nor once over their little sorrows sigh,
In tears their blubber'd faces let them steep
And hush their griefs to sleep.

We must subscribe to her fine [illegible] gold-laid draw,
Behind her gilt coach, dancing jolly fellows
With canes & ruffles goodly to the view,
And painting their complexions, pink umbrellas

□ The postmen standing on a large leather cushion stuffed with Asiatic materials suggests the epithet.

Note at □ 281 Extract from the debates, in April 1815.

Mr. Whitbread enquired respecting a commission which had been granted to Lord Yarmouth, Mr. Nash, & Mr. Bicknell. Lord Yarmouth in explanation, said, that many years ago his Majesty had determined to keep many parts of the parks & forests in his own hands, on a farming system, in order to give a respectability to the profession of farming, & that this idea had been seconded & followed up most beneficially for the country by the Duke of Bedford, Lord Somerville, Mr. Coke & several others. Since his Majesty's illness, it had been judged proper by the Prince Regent, to give a power of attorney to three persons to take these farms under their trust, & to receive the rents from the tenants in the same way as had always been done; so that the whole, in case his Majesty should providentially recover, might be restored as nearly in the same state as possible.

That is defamation was more profitable to the pocket of the one & the revenge of the other; — we add, that no intel- lect can [illegible] the works of a libel without soon observing that he had no standard for his opini- ons but the state of his pocket. Hence he is by turns a coq- alist & a republican, having written with equal virulence on both sides of the question. If he writes con amore, it is on the side of anarchy; for the production in which he excelled himself, both in pathetic & satirical touch- es, was addressed to certain journeymen shoemakers who, about 40 years ago, combined against their mas

the allusions in it manifest the grossest ignorance of the particulars connected with the marriage of Henry Duke of Cumberland; whose Brother, George 3. censured that step in the most unjustifiable terms; the Duchess, however, held her jointure by the same right as any other dowager in the kingdom; which this ignorant instructor (for he discloses says he will instruct us in the knowledge we want) does not appear to have known; to ◇650 nor yet that the disproportionate union with the Widow of Colonel Luttrel was incompatible with various reasons of state, gave occasion for that act of Parliament by which, in future, all marriages of the Royal Family without the consent of the King in council, were declared null & void. to W 6508

Minor note
++ the Memoirs of M. Bertrand de Moleville, an emigrant of distinction, are explanatory of this Allusion.

-ters to raise their wages; but with so little reason, that the Judge who tried the ringleaders, said the profits must be exorbitant which could enable them to live six weeks in idleness. The drift of this poetical tirade was to excite the lower class to pull down all above them: but from p. 508

is enough to make the blood curdle at the brutality of the Jacobin who could deliberately produce a ditty which it may be bought all hell alone could have responded. It originated in a report which crossed the channel, that the Regicides had placed the miserable Prince Louis 17.th with a shoemaker; which one unworthy Englishman, either for hire, or from a besotted depravity, thus commented on.

See stout Hoppé's Majesty the leather spread,
Behold its pretty fingers waxt the thread,
And now the leather on the lapstone; hole
Now puts his Majesty the bristle in,
Now wide he throws his arms, with milk white skin,
And now he spits, & hammers on the sole.

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Insert at O p. 272

para. 2 We cannot drop this Monarch without a tribute of respect to his successor, the most virtuous the most unfortunate that ever sat on the throne of France. He wanted the firmness of George 3. & like Charles I was too fatally influenced by unworthy counsels; but in cultivating science & in humanity. The parallel is remarkable between these individuals of such ex-

noise do not always merit

-tion, of the descendant of Rodolph of Hapsburgh, applies correctly, we would say, to the particulars of Geoge 3d. preserved in these pages; equally disregarded, as they were in that day, by the ignorant, who could not be expected to notice, & by the learned, whose path they crossed, & whose duty it was to have brought the world acquainted with facts peculiarly interesting in an inheritor of the regal [illegible]. But we are justified in the persuasion (conformably to the sentiment of the imperial Austrian) that posterity will do that justice to this Monarch which was denied him in his life time. conclusion of the Note

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-ated rank. In the Parisian intelligence circulated in our papers in 1814, we find. —— His Majesty, the Emperor of Austria this day visited the Mazarine library. He consi-dered with particular attention the fine globe of var-nished bronze, which Lewis 16th. had made for his own use. The copy of the projet for the voyage of La Peyrouse which belonged to the above Monarch, having been presented to [redacted] the Emperor, he cast his eyes upon some marginal notes. He was informed that they were in the hand writing of Lewis 16th. himself & that they proved the extent of his industry & talents, although he he had been represented by the factions as ignorant & stupid. "It is with Kings as it is with other men" observed his Majesty "those who make the most the most renown, & justice is never done them in their life time." [redacted] This observa-

505 Min Note There seems some want of precision in the above account; because what a land-owner retains in his own hands he is understood to farm himself, in dis-tinction from that portion which [redacted] is tenanted. The beneficial example his Majesty set to the nobility & country gentlemen of England had its full effect, & re-minds us of what is related of the usages [redacted] among the Chinese, whose dense population requiring the most marked attention to agriculture, the Emperor is accus-tomed once a year to descend from his celestial conse-quence, & hold the plough himself. —— Our Sovereign was [redacted] the subject of "Farmer George" which got into cir-culation shortly, & which, said they, he first learned from

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meeting a Peasant, early in the morning, driving some sheep towards Windsor. The King stopped to look at them, & asked who they were for? — for Farmer George was the answer. — "Ods who is Farmer George, I thought I knew all the Farmers in this neighbourhood? — He lives "at that Great House yonder," pointing to the Castle, "& 'tis folks calls un the King, but we calls un Far-"-mer George." — In connexion with this, an humorous print of small price, might be seen in that day, called "Farmer George & his Wife."

506 The misrepresentations of this fellow brought to mind the exaggerated charges of Junius against the Duke of Grafton; not as regards the Lordship of Whitlebury forrest (for those have been fully exposed) but the virulence indulged against the private character of that Nobleman, who had a commixture of virtues & failings common among men of all ranks. The Author happened luckily to be acquainted with a person who, after having been many years in the service of his Grace, retired with a decent competence to his native village (Nutfield in Yorkshire.) Who questioned on the subject of the Duke's domestic conduct, it was evident it had been such as conciliated the regard of his dependants. And that this was observed in one who had had those which Junius had not, of observing his presumed enemy at home, under his every day garb, usages & description, it is as conclusive against the fabrications of the mortified politician as the case of Wm Harrison is against those of Peter Pindar — Another piece by whom to ☩ 506

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Remarks on a Pamphlet
lately published by the Rev.d Nevil Maskelyne
under the authority of the Board of Longitude.
By John Harrison.

Necessity of replying, from the injurious tendency of the unfounded statements & false conclusions in the Pamphlet —— definition of the Longitude —— the Commissioners ordered the trial —— Mr. Maskelyne on most days wound up the Watch himself, the time being attested —— no attestation is given —— the Officers appointed too infirm from age or wounds —— no check on the Clock —— Watch loses near 20 seconds per day; which Mr. Maskelyne says, was not his business to account for —— it was taken from the Inventor in an unprepared state —— Mr. Maskelyne [redacted] is ignorant of mechanics —— The Watch is [redacted] with a southern aspect, & the thermometer in the shade —— The provision against heat & cold not more perfect than was necessary —— rate of going of the Watch in different positions extraneous to the purpose —— it was not made for Mr. Maskelyne's experiments —— should have been satisfied of his disinterestedness —— would not be understood to impeach Mr. Maskelyne's knowledge of astronomy —— his discoveries of the Longitude made after the crew saw land —— his report of the going of the Watch partial & unconclusive —— incorrectness of his mode of computation —— he compares the Watch with mean time, instead of correct

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time —— irregularity of his attendance —— he dis-
-pages the Machine, but affects to consider the Inventor
a man of prudence, which the Examiner regards as invol-
-ves atrocious charge against his integrity —— The Trial
fixed by the 12th. of Queen Anne —— voyages of the Dep[tford]
& the Merlin —— he was refused to name a Sheet or the
computations, which were hermetically sealed ——
The astronomical observations previous to the second voyage
rendered too difficult —— an appeal to Captain Camp-
-bell's opinion —— Lord Sandwich's tantalizing answer ——
-ance —— sweeps of the Trial to Barbadoes —— new &
till then unknown explanation of the Act —— The Claim-
-ant protests against this construction of it, unsupported
as it was, by any legal reference —— The Act to amend,
explain & alter that of Queen Anne —— John Harrison believes
the second moiety of the reward irrevocable —— an
oath required of him which has words of an indefinite
meaning —— The Gentlemen who received the explan-
-ation [redacted] to be upon honour not
to disclose it without leave, but about a month after
it appeared in the newspapers —— cruelty & injustice
of the treatment the Inventor experienced —— the Watch
locked up 6 months at the Admiralty —— the three
Machines [redacted] demanded & given up —— one of them got
broken to pieces before it left his house, & the other two
were severely injured in the carriage by land to Green-
-wich —— the use of the Watch refused (security being
offered) [redacted] though he wanted to try whether some ex-
-pensive parts of it might not be left out —— an en-
-quiry in the House of Commons —— The Commissioners [redacted]

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propose that a future Trial should be 10 months under Mr. Maskelyne's superintendence & [redacted] 2 months in the Downs; but they refuse to say that such trial, if [redacted] the Watch proved correct, would be satisfactory —— Three objections taken to Timekeepers —— They are answered —— The greater part of the Board innocent of the treatment he receives —— John Harrison is a warm friend to every [redacted] means for the safety of Ships that [redacted] offer a reasonable prospect of success —— analysis of the Lunar method —— The cost it has been to the public, though hitherto unavailable for the Mariner when most in danger —— Mission to the different treatment the two Inventions have met with —— no fault of the Claimant if our neighbours the French reap the first advantage of the discovery —— he flatters himself that he is justified to his friends, & to those who honour him with their patronage.

at ◇ 261 The Author thinks proper to guard against the misconception (for it would be one) that his remarks on those Commissioners from Oxford & Cambridge, who were all of them in priest's orders, were intended to apply to gentlemen of the clerical profession generally —— some of whom, it behoves him to say, he has long known, & with increased esteem. But the obligation of a correct Memoir writer is to take persons & things as he finds them, & neither to extenuate, nor set down aught in malice"! There is undesirable evidence that the pseudo Philosopher who acts [redacted] such an anomalous & dashing figure in these Transactions, though nobody thinks of him in

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our time

It would be unjust towards the Author to suppose him warped by the desire of censure, when engaged with the documents before him. O He takes pleasure in unqualified praise, where it is deserved; ~~conformably to which~~ ~~[illegible]~~, he has endeavoured to bring forward George Graham; ~~[illegible]~~ not as the first clock & watchmaker of his day (which Tompion had been before) that being well known, but as a philanthropist of the most exalted virtue: superior to "the Man of Ross" immortalized by Pope: for he could control himself under circumstances of all others the most incompatible with mental infirmity & the baser passions of ~~our~~ over nature. — Surely, it cannot but be observed, that the strictures which apply to the conduct of the mathematical commissioners

Insert at O besides he has enough of the Englishman about him to feel the irksomeness of giving any foreigner an unfavourable idea of our Universities at the period in reference.

[redacted], was supported by Bachelors & Doctors of Divinity in brutally refusing a man above [redacted] 74 years of age those faculties which he told them would save him the labour of one year in three. [redacted]

[redacted] on the 28th November 1772, where it is distinctly seen they [redacted] were a majority at the Board, are founded on their own minutes of that date. To Δ 534

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Notes Δ 276 Sir Nathaniel D. Dracott has given us an abstract of the tiresome routine of a drawing room day, which would be enough to show that the [redacted] Kingly office was not a sinecure in the reign of George 3d.

"It is a fact that during many years of his life, after coming up from Kew, or from Windsor, often on horseback, & sometimes in heavy rain, to the Queen's House; he has gone in a sedan chair to St. James's, dressed himself, held a levee, passed through all the forms of that long & tedious ceremony; for such it was in the way that he performed it; without leaving any individual in the circle unnoticed: & has afterwards assisted at a Privy Council, or given audience to his Cabinet Ministers & others, till five, & even sometimes till six o'clock. After so much fatigue of body & mind, the only refreshment or sustenance that he usually took, consisted in a few slices of bread & butter & a dish of tea, which he sometimes swallowed as he walked up & down previous to getting into his carriage in order to return

in an affair like this, which

introduced

to the country."

Is this singular, though unquestionable account may be attached as a rider —— that in the spring of 1773, if the levee was on a Tuesday, the King gave audience to William Harrison, who either read, or laid before him for his inspection, sundry [redacted] written or printed papers, together with drafts of letters &c. connected with the prosecution of the petition through Parliament: to the details of which his Majesty attended like one who had no other business on that day: for, it should be observed, that hurried manner which he is accused of when the bow was unstrung, could not be recognized [redacted] calles for a deliberate judgment & a cool aim.

Note at W 262 This sentiment is occasionally met with both in history & works of fiction. Lewis 11th though his memory is obscure, alluded it. The Emperor Adrian meeting one by whom he had been injured before his accession to the purple, said to him, with a significant look, you are safe now: & the author of Klimius, or the World Under Ground, (the Danish Gulliver) makes his hero, who had risen from a very low station, say, it did not become the Emperor of Quama to revenge the wrongs he had suffered when a chairman.

Minor Note at O 4 4 5 5 . When Mr. Baker, 1818, [redacted] his bill for consolidating the several acts relative to the Longitude as for removing from the Board; having judged it expedient to preclude the necessity of sending to the Universities for scientific assistance, while it could be obtained

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a sidereal ~~Dr~~ Airy, nor a Dr. Isaac Milner

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but, he observes, "by reason of the motion of a ship, the
"variations of heat & cold, wet & dry, & the difference of
"gravity, such a watch had not been made."— It may
be alleged that Professor

nearer, he thought proper to observe, that he designed no disrespect to the Gentlemen who had heretofore attended. —— "Certainly it was very far from his intention to re- "flect on such well known & respectable names as that "of [redacted] a Vince & his coadjutors; they were too well "known in the scientific world to be affected by any "observations of his, were he inclined to detract from "their merits." —— Abstractedly considered, this would [redacted] respect the aspect of the public, but there was neither a Professor Vince, [redacted] in the time of John Harrison. By the way, Mr. Zock-er appears to have had no conception of that jealousy of the Method in [redacted], which the dishonourable refusal of a check on the computations, after the first voyage, might have been sufficient to apprize him of.

§ 25 □ This was the uniform assumption of that party at the Board of Longitude who were not periodically, like Endymion, attracted by the phases of the Moon, but always finding reasons for preferring lunations to chronometry, which the immortal founder of their philosophy disapproved. It is indeed an extraordinary fact (rendered so by the conduct of his professed followers) that Sir Isaac, when examined at the bar of the House of Commons, placed an exact timekeeper at the head of his list of the expedients by which the desired object would most probably be accomplished: [redacted] Mayer's Tables were not known then, but they were at the time in reference, yet neither that Scientific Officer [redacted] Captain Campbell, nor Dr. Maskelyne himself could show why they conclusive for the safety of ships. [redacted]

514 ~~might not have been worth betting upon~~

Granting, we will say, that the ingenious Pos-
-sefford's tables enabled the observer to overcome
all difficulties for the time being, except in cloud-
-y nights & on unsteady ship, yet as they could
avail nothing towards setting aside the physical im-
-possibilities arising from the Moon being accessible
only during so limited a portion of her orbit (a con-
-sideration which Dr. Maskelyne, with invincible
pertinacity affected to overlook all his life) we are fully
justified in assuming that Sir Isaac, like Dr. Halley &
Admiral Campbell, would never have been found appre-
-ciating this method higher than its practical
merits deserved. — We repeat, therefore, & (be-
-ing, small powers) we would have repeated with a loud
voice to the Lunar mathematicians at the Board
of Longitude, that they were diametrically op- they
-posed to the opinion of their founder, in a ques-
-tion on which no considerate person could be silent,
for it involved the safety of thousands of lives & mil-
-lions of property.

Had this discrepancy

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Great Britain in contrary directions

ber confined to speculative dogmas, it might not have
been worth bestowing paper & ink on, but the senior
Arnold on seeing Mr. Mudge's pamphlet, came forward, &
offered to make oath, that Dr. Shepherd had told him in pre-
sence of his wife, it never was intended that Lonekeeper
should gain the reward; and — which is synonimous with
Liberal meanness, the elder Mudge was assured by Sir
John Pringle, then a Commissioner, that when the Act, the 14th
George 3d. was drawn up, some of the Professors were for having
the Mechanics wholly excluded from benefiting by the Premiums
& encouragement it provides; but the rest of the Board thought this so un-
reasonable, they would not consent to it. But although
their effrontery (in thus contemning Newton) was opposed in
the first instance, yet these Collegians, who knew not, or
who cared not, for the real wants of the Mariner, were suf-
fered to have it all their own way in the details, which if
had shared Mars with the Mechanics became a points
infraction of the golden rule, you never from them so often,
to "do unto Mr as ye would that others should do unto you".
They carried their plan in part, though not in form, for the
Sundry long Trials required for two Watches were incompa-
tible with the casualties incident to human affairs, & espe-
cially those of the sea. Subsidising however the first
of a year at Mansted Hill, & afterwards twice round
to have been successfully completed, yet
still the Candidate could never know if he was near
achieving the reward; for the clause referred to was contained
in these words — "& such other voyages to different climates
as the said Commissioners shall think fit to direct and
appoint." the nefarious uncertainty,

leaving it to be inferred, that neither political nor sectarian party spirit are exceeded in malevolence by what may find its way into the haunts of science. Who would

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which Lord Morton, years before, hurl in terrorem over
a Genius who refused to homage his superior knowledge
of mechanics, is thus seen transmitted by the Lunar party,
like a heir loom from one Board of Longitude to another;
& well might Dr. Maskelyne (deficient in self command
as he was) let slip the opprobrious taunt, that "they had
given the Mechanics a bone to pick that would crack
their teeth." A bravado, or rather, a sneer, which though
he replied in form to the younger Mudge, he did not dare
to deny, except in general & evasive terms: the word
"pert", after which, to find, in the above reply, this humiliating exposure of himself (though not designed by so.)
"I had a hand as one of the Committee of the Board, who drew up
the sketch of particulars &c. imposing this painful
task on myself & my successor in office — is the reason for which I heartily concurred, because they were to render the trial more accurate & authentic than it could be, if conducted by any private person." — Quitting Admitting which position, still it has nothing to do with the uncertain number & nature of the voyages to different climates, — a system of entanglement and hopeless confusion, which the Brotherhood of Ignatius Loyola's foundation could have profited by, but which is wholly adverse to the straight forward course of Englishmen: for when any public bodies, The Society of Arts, for instance, advertise premiums for discoveries, or improvements they are cognizant of, they invariably announce the conditions as distinctly as possible; avoiding any thing like such a source of disputes & complaints as These Lunar craftsmen devised. But the Astronomer Royal overlooking or despising considerations

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[illegible] new paragraph at the word Another clause
from the right hand

&c. [illegible] another clause, of some magnitude, in this Act, he
passes by: but we cannot wonder out of the record in be-
-lieving he had a hand, and an active hand too, in fabri-
-cating it: & moreover that he heartily concurred in this
Lunar deviation; by which two thirds were necessary to con-
-stitute a majority at the Board, instead of the larger half,
as usual. We will not enquire after the [illegible] reasons metho-
-dically adduced for this proceeding, after they "had given
the Mechanics such a bone to pick;" for no brawling de-
-magogue could more flippantly advance patriotic mo-
-tives to hoodwink his sinister purpose & selfish ends,
than these "men of theory" [illegible]
[illegible] whose appearance must have been above par, if, [illegible]
[illegible] to Sully's well known remark on augurs, they could
look one another in the face without [illegible] The
junior Mudge asserts, uncontradicted, that the real
[illegible], & bona fide intent, was that if they mustered their
forces, they could always prevent the rest of the Board
from carrying any measure contrary to their interest. 643

which we shine Newton would have sent him & his brethren to Coventry forthwith; is not ashamed to avow he had a hand in framing a clause which immediately reminds us of what occurred at Barbadoes [illegible]

Appendix N2

To D^r. Demainbray.

Sir

Finding it impossible to obtain justice from the Board of Longitude, & therefore vain to hold any further intercourse with it, I am emboldened to make this last effort for preserving the benefit of my Father's Invention to this country; requesting a few minutes of your attention; & if I durst flatter myself that you could with propriety lay my case before his Majesty, I should have no doubt but the nation would be relieved from the imputation of violated faith, & that an Invention so important to science, to commerce & to naval greatness, would still find a Protector.

Impelled by the irresistable zeal of his genius, my Father (in a remote part of the country, & under circumstances most unfavourable) had for many years devoted himself to the improvement of clock-work, before he ever knew of the existence of a reward for discovering the Longitude; & so long ago as the year 1726 he had invented & executed the gridiron pendulum, & made a regulator which has gone from that time to this without [illegible] ever erring more than a second in a month. For pretty near the last half century his life has been solely spent in adapting the princi-

-ples of his clock to the motion of a ship, upon the faith of the Act of Queen Anne: & from the time I became capable of doing any thing, to the age of forty three years, I have been wholly employed in the same manner.

Till about the year 1761 we had no difficulties to encounter besides those which nature threw in our way; for until the Invention was brought to maturity we were happy in the uniform countenance & protection of the Board of Longitude; but no sooner was it evident that we had succeeded, than by a strange fatality that Board turn-ed against us, & has ever since acted as if it had been inst-tuted for the express purpose of preventing our Inventions from being made useful to mankind. to + 1576

In 1761 we demanded & obtained the ultimate trial prescribed by the Act of Queen Anne, viz. a voyage to the West Indies. By appointment of the Commissioners of Longitude. I went to Jamaica with the Watch, which kept its Longi-tude considerably within the nearest limits prescribed by that Act. However when the Commissioners were called upon to certify the fact they were pleased to declare the contrary. We desired copies of those calculations made by their order, upon which their decision was founded; which were refused; nor were we ever able to come at the calculations, either by official applications or priv-ate favour, till several years afterwards, when they were ordered to be laid before the House of Commons; & it then appeared, two of them were absolutely inconclu-sive, proving neither one thing nor another, & that the third decided in our favour.

In the mean while we had contrived, for the

cable of removing every possible scruple, I trust our title to the reward to the success of a second voyage, which I accordingly made to Barbadoes, in the year 1764. To Δ 5 1 9 -dor wh
the appointment of the Commissioners; but seeing the calls which were raised against the former voyage, I requested that a paragraph might be added to my instructions, to the effect, that those instructions being fulfilled, we were without further difficulty to receive our reward. Lord Sandwich, who presided at that Board, replied, That it would be mere tautology, for the very giving of the instructions imported the same thing. — The performance of the Watch was such, that the commissioners were forced to certify that it had kept the Longitude within a third part of the nearest limits required by the Act of Queen Anne, viz. within Ten miles: but instead of ipsius The reward, which then were then by law compellable to £ □ 5 7 9 ds, they applied to Parliament, & obtained an Act taking away our right acquired by 40 years labour under the old law, acquiesced in during that time by numberless acts of their own Board, & subjecting us to new conditions undefined & discretionary. To O 5 7 9 We were at that time ignorant of the nature of Parliamentary applications, without money, & with few friends, browbeaten by one set of men, betrayed by another, & so lost the opportunity of petitioning each branch of the Legislature against the passing of so injurious a law.

After much difficulty respecting the discovery of the principles & construction of the Watch, we at length obtained £7,500 being the remainder of the first half of our reward (the other £2,500 having been advanced to us, & actually spent

518 in making the experiments & Trials; after which the Commissioners thought proper to take all the Machines hitherto made, out of our hands, to look them up at Greenwich, & to refuse us the use of the last made one to serve as a model for the different parts to be made by other workmen. — It took up 18 months to get the determination of the Commissioners what number of other Watches they expected to be made, under the new Act. After which time they told us they would be satisfied with two, & if they were made by other workmen, it would be so much the more agreable to the spirit of the last Act, which had been grounded upon a doubt whether other people could make them. — It has hitherto impossible to them to fix any determinate mode of trial with which they will be satisfied. They did indeed propose in 1767, that the new Watches should be tried for 10 months under Mr. Maskelyne's care at Greenwich, & for 2. months in the Downs; but they refused to specify what degree of exactness they expected even during that Trial, or whether they expected the Watch should now, for 12 months, not err more than that Act of Queen Anne had allowed for a voyage of five or six weeks: & they also would not promise to abide by the result of such Trial. 646

Trusting however to the ultimate justice of our country, & desirous of vindicating our fame, we set about making another, & have prosecuted it more as a study of the different ways in which the operation may be abridged & improved, than with a view of getting the Watch completed a few months sooner, or later: & in the course of our researches we have found some con-

-olation for the injuries heaped upon us. — M.r Kendal has during the same time made by order of the Commissioners, an exact copy of our old one; which we have had no opportunity of examining, but are informed & believe it is just as good as the original: & 523 while we were only waiting for some cold weather to finish some experiments we wanted to make, meaning afterwards to apply once more to the Board for some reasonable Trial of M.r Kendal's & our new one, as the two required by the last Act, we were apprized of the intention of the Board to send M.r Kendal's upon the expedition with Messrs. Banks & Solander. — Upon this occasion I stated by letter to Lord Sandwich the general history of what had passed. The impropriety of sending M.r Kendal's Watch upon that expedition, when our old one would just answer the same purpose, & M.r Kendal's would, by ascertaining our right, facilitate the bringing of the Invention into general use; & offering to agree to any mode of Trial by men not already proved partial, which should be definite in its nature, conclusive as to establishing our reward, in case of success, & in any degree near the limits of the original Bill, in point of duration & exactness. And I also took the liberty to observe to his Lordship, that the instructing one excellent workman to make the whole with his own hands was not the way to bring the Invention into general use, & pointed out to him an effectual method for that purpose. — This letter was laid before the Board; & I was told, in answer to it, that we must make another Watch before the Commissioners would appoint a Trial, for they always understood the two were to be made by us; & that as to a mode of Trial, they had already determined upon one [which is above rec-

5/6-Ted) & saw no reason to alter their opinion.— There was no mistaking the intention of the Board when they explained,— & I told them, as the truth is, that we shall never give them any more Trouble.

After the experience we have had, I humbly conceive that it would be absurd in me, as it is impossible for my Father, who is on the verge of fourscore years of age, to attempt to risk the matter any further through the same channel.— If his Majesty would be graciously pleased to suffer our new made Watch to be lodged for a certain time in the Observatory at Richmond, in order to ascertain & manifest its degree of excellence, I should hope that the prejudices of many might thereby be vanquished, & that it would become easy to obtain redress.

I humbly beg pardon for the liberty I have herein taken, but I conceive it a duty I owe my King & Country to make this representation, & in acquitting myself thereof, I beg leave to subscribe myself, Sir

your most obed.t
& most humble serv.t

William Harrison

East Street
Red Lion Square
January 31.st 1772

Note at + p.517 The necessity of generalizing his statement precluded the insertion of what we find in his pamphlet, that "far the greater part of the Commissioners (meaning the Admirals & the Civilians, except Lord Morton) were perfectly innocent of the treatment he had met with."

△ Note p 517 Here he skips over the separate Commission, the sequel of which had so much share in his future troubles, by the unintentional affront given to that weak but irritable, northern pair the Earl of Morton.

Note at □ p 517 With that knowledge, it becomes in a manner impossible to divest the refusal of the reward of the meanest private & personal motives. The case of John Harrison besides becomes remarkably illustrative of Lord Chesterfield's favourite position — that the ostensible purposes of public men are seldom consistent with their real drift.

Note at ○ p 517 This discouraging, or we should say, this disheartening uncertainty, was transferred by Lord Morton to his own bill from the 6th. of those abortive resolutions, under the 2d. George 3d. which were likewise his own, & ordered that when the explanatory Watches (as they might have been called) were finished "they shall be tried in such manner as the Commissioners shall judge proper." — 2. This latitude of interpretation perfectly assimilated with the views of the lunar junta (who, by the subsequent acknowledgment of D. Shepherd, never intended that the Mechanics should benefit by the 14th. George 3.) & was embodied by them in the clause we have quoted from.

But does not the illiberal conduct of these scientific titles show them vulnerable in their own armour: when, devoid of a sufficient headpiece here & there (according to D. Knox) "These Professors of abstract sciences" showed that the philosophy of human nature was a branch of metaphysics in which John Harrison, unlearned as he was, far excelled the

in 1818, he introduced his bill for consolidating the several acts of Parliament connected with the Longitude,

Note at ✠ p 518 The injury to the Three Machines, & the gross misconduct of those who compromised their duty by not enquiring into it, though they have been claimed as public property, are passed by, but the omission could not fail to be supplied by his Majesty's recollection; for at those few Times when he accompanied parties of the Royal Family to Greenwich, he must have seen these first Timekeepers in their deranged state, and the fact of their having been removed in a jolting carriage, instead of being carried by a Sailman's horse, & on the water, which the Astronomer Royal could not evade, though he might suppress that of having em-

Governmen, when he said, in a letter to the Board, May 24th 1766, "I am ready to execute your commands; but no man chuses to begin a journey, or to enter upon any piece of work, without some view where it shall end."

to △ 353

Note at ++ p 518 This may much surprise Mr Cowper, whose want of experience on the subject, when, [redacted], led him to advert to "Mr Harrison having been so fortunate as to receive £4,000 more than the Act of Queen Anne contemplated"; which he, mistakenly, imputes to the confusion among the several acts of Parliament relating to the Longitude [but of this anon.] to ◇ 590 [redacted] to the purpose; after the perusal of which, we surmise that the reward doubled, trebled & quadrupled, would have left him no desire to share a modicum of such good fortune.

When Mr Harrison went on board the Merlin, [January 28th 1762] Captain Burke, who commanded her, advised him to place the Time-keeper on the counter, or afterpart of the ship, in the cabin. His reason for this was, if they should fall in with a hard gale of wind, that he said would be the likeliest place in the ship to be dry. — After they had been at sea about three weeks, [redacted] They [redacted] fell in with a hard gale of wind, & the ship sprung a leak. The wind continued to blow exceeding hard with little interruptions for upwards of three weeks: during which time it was with the greatest difficulty that [redacted] Mr Harrison was able, at some times, to keep the salt water out of the box which contained the Time-keeper: for it blew so hard that they were forced to lay to, for the most part,

" and the ship at those times would receive such vio-
" -lent shocks by the breaking of the waves against her
" quarter, that the Time-keeper received almost as vio-
" -lent blows, as if it had been thrown in its box from one
" side of the cabin to the other; & by these violent shocks
" the water would spurt through every joint in the ship;
" & in order to keep it out of the box in which the Time-
" -keeper was, Mr. Harrison had no other method
" but to keep a blanket about it; & when it had imbibed so
" much water that he could with his hand
" squeeze it out, he then took that blanket off, & placed
" the box in another: & had, at some times no other method
" to get these blankets dry again, but by covering himself
" up in them when he went to sleep; & this with sea sick-
" -ness threw him into a severe fit of illness, & it was with
" the greatest difficulty that his life was saved: for he
" very well knew that if he could not keep the water
" out of the box, that some would be so cruel
" as to say, he let it in on purpose, because he knew it
" would not answer: & others would also say, it was a
" thing too tender & too delicate to go to sea; & would
" not consider the hardships of the voyage, nor the cruel
" -ty of not having a proper place prepared to put it in:
" & that he was sent home in a ship which with the
" greatest difficulty they were able to keep above water,
" in the weather they met with. — Thus after one of the
" roughest voyages that any ship had, they
" on the 26th March arrived at Shetland."

employed a blacksmith as his assistant, would leave him
to shift the King, who understood the subject, would
not be at a loss to fill up. When he was first shown
these "curious progressive specimens of genius" it
must have been both novel & contemptible to see the
ingenuity of Mr Hamstead Hill trying to parry the ques-
tions that would occur — to make the worse appear
the better reason, & to mystify the Inventor's illustrious
Patron, if he could.

Note at ✠ p519 The singular inhumanity of exacting
more labours from a man near fourscore would of itself
alone have made an impression on his Majesty highly
favourable to the applicants case — aggravated, as it
was, by the consideration that they previously ~~[illegible]~~
allowed it would be more in the spirit of the Act to amend
& alter, if one of the two Watches was made by another
hand. — In the original work the Author thought himself
justified in demanding of the learned Professors, if they did
not know, from their classical reminiscences, that old age
had no where so honourable an abode as at Sparta; & if
they meant it should not have a more disgraceful one
than in Britain? ~~[illegible]~~ ☐ 521 cont.

Pamph p. 30 ++ The Author is induced to remark here, that in
each of Dr. Maskelyne's works as he has seen that distinguish-
ed Astronomer invariably argues as if he concealed from him-
self that the laws of nature interpose insurmountable
obstacles to the Mariner two thirds of his time, that would
avail himself of the Moon, with the assistance of the

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Insert in last at ◇ 521 Is they not know that im-
-paired sight & an unsteady hand are among the
common & serious disadvantages of age? Were they
so entirely ignorant of chronometry as to overlook
such impediments? certainly the Gentlemen of Ox-
ford & Cambridge owe no thanks to their predec-
-ors, for leaving it to be inferred that the sentiment
which honours ~~[illegible]~~ a virtuous old age ~~[illegible]~~ did not
appear among them, in its absence, though it might be
descanted on in the pulpit, which was their trade. It
is ~~[illegible]~~ yet consolatory to add, that the Spartan notions
are not to VV523

The learned Secretary's

Table. compiled for his use. Even under other circumstances the agitation of the Ship, or a succession of cloudy nights, may disappoint the most enthusiastic ardour after the object sought. A common answer resulting from such untoward combination, when the Gentlemen of the Navy are questioned on the subject is "The Moon may be depended on nine days out of the 28, if the weather is clear & the ship steady" — reservations which amount almost to a nullity. — Nor could it be supposed that so ordinary a case as that of a ship taking her departure from Portsmouth for Madeira when the moon is at the full, & expecting to arrive in a fortnight, would be overlooked by any dispassionate enquirer, even admitting that we are all of us disposed to set a estimation what has engrossed much of our time & more of our labour, like the man on whom Alexander of Macedon bestowed a basket of pens; because he could throw them from a distance through the eye of a bodkin, or some such implement without missing; & who no doubt thought his method could not be too much prized on account of its difficulty. Yet in 1818 Mr. Croker, who had not the same professional bias as D^r. Maskelyne & C^o. is found volunteering on the same side of the question. After adverting to "a Frenchman, of the name of Mayer, in the time of Louis 13^th. having first hit on the idea of Lunar observations" thus applied; & the failure of this method, for want of the tables which were afterwards executed, he continues — "That though it was originally thrown aside, as not likely to lead to a successful result, it was now relied on with the greatest confidence. But unluckily for [illegible] illustrations are as wisely as his argu-

521 continued

Not at □ 518 There is some discrepancy here, but amounting to no more than a lapse of memory, without prejudice to this statement. According to the minutes of a Board, 3d. March 1770, Mr. Kendal reported that Mr. Harrison junior had attended an examination of his copy of the successful Timekeeper, by the five persons appointed for that purpose, & professed himself highly satisfied therewith.

him down

~~Mr. Cox~~ being himself, we conclude, no ordinary mathematician, will excuse us, if we bring him forward, like the genius just mentioned, but with more science, calculating his distance from the body ~~sin~~ secundum artem, & his Throw in the true parabola of a curve, instead of stepping up, & leaping the area through it at once, for there could be no difficulty in that. ~~This is from him~~ This ~~unartificial~~ artificial method was, however, we can inform him, greatly preferred by George 3d. to the ~~contra~~ various difficulties so often attending the Lunar process. And — exclusive of the singular quotation from the log books, there

-ment, for when he would show from the log-books of the Navy, three of which he cites, the extraordinary accuracy now attained in finding the Longitude, which in one ship (the Buccaneer) was actually without a fraction instead of adducing his instances from what he called, & which he repeats is the surest method, they are all drawn from chronometry. So that the honourable Gentleman, by his previous decision, may be said to have discharged a bullet at the Mechanics, so unexpectedly levelled at their metallic defences, that in its rebound it knocked head over heels: & possibly furnished some entertainment, & a few ironical potations to his health, at the houses of call in Clerkenwell.

[redacted] is a test by which this merely mechanical practice as Mr. Croker designates it (according to the reporters) may be pitted against the scientific method, by him regarded as the most certain, & even indirectly deemed suitable for the gentlemen on the quarter deck, while the other expedient might with propriety be consigned to the warrant officers forward. The Author knows more than one mercantile Captain whose confidence in his chronometer induces him to forego the precarious mode of reckoning by the log, which is now regarded as a farce in the Navy, but were it proposed to any sailor worth his salt to rely solely & unreservedly on Lunar observations for the safety of his ship, would not the propounder of so hopeful a plan have reason to recollect a couplet (in the tale about a Squire swallowing a Cobler) with which many of us were familiar in by gone days: viz.

extraordinary [illegible] in subject

cedes the note to Minor Editor

The Doctor having heard the case,
Burst into laughter in his face.

Note at + p 242 George 3d. was no stranger to the person of John Harrison, whose fame & simple had several years before given him a curiosity to see & converse with so [redacted] — who p 421

Note ++ 454 "The subject of this Debate is undoubtedly of great importance to mankind, in general, as well as to our own country in particular, & therefore our Author's remarks on what Mr. Maskelyne has observed, in relation to Mr. H's watch, must undoubtedly merit the public attention.

"Indeed it appears to us, that our Remarker has made so notable a defence of himself, & of his ingenious & indefatigable labours, that we cannot but think it will be very incumbent on the Astronomer Royal to clear his own reputation from Mr. Harrison's charges, not only of gross ignorance of mechanics, but of having (in his proceedings relative to the celebrated machine in question) been influenced by selfish [redacted] views. Mr. H. asserts, in a pecuniary way, interested in another [redacted] method of ascertaining the longitude viz. that of the lunar tables, which has been long in agitation: a scheme on which Mr. H. bestows some observations, in order to shew how very far it falls short of the method of obtaining this important end by means of a time-keeper." Monthly Review for 1767 here

The above extract is from the Monthly Review for 1767, the original, & at that time, as we think, the only periodical of the same description. There is no observation

from 518 Note at ◇ There is a discrepancy here, but of little consequence. According to the minutes of a Board, 3d. March 1770 he had seen & approved his satisfaction at the goodness of Mr. Kendall's work.

mathematical

Tables

the authority under which a [redacted] double headed shot le
velled point blank [redacted] at the reputation of a
machine which had so completely answered its intende
purpose, in those hands for which it was designed, was fire
off. The Timekeeper had vindicated the judgment of that
minent astronomer Dr. Halley, haveing perfectly coincided its supe
riority to the process opposed to it: even when that method had
the best advantage of Dr. Maskelyne's skill: &, This it was
which "made the gallied jade wince."— We do not hazard much
in assuming that not one of the Board that approved this
masked battery had seen it, except the Chief Engineer &
Store-keeper (Lord Mortoi) or perhaps some [redacted]
confident of the Astronomer Royal [redacted], by which we may
some determined Lunar advocate — like Demetrius, the
silversmith, to wit.

from WW 521 [redacted]
[redacted] extinct among the moderns, as appears by
the following remark, which occurred in a party who were
ascending Mount Blanc: "— Expecting very much from
Jineor, I was not disappointed, & felt increasingly convinced,
from his conduct, that respect for superior years is a
sure indication of moral health. He that venerates not
the hoary head with all its little infirmities, is destitute
of some of the hearts best emotions, & his old age shall
be void of honour." [New Monthly Magazine for May 1826]

It is singular enough, that though the Author
of this Extract knew nothing about the particulars intro

-duced here, yet it becomes the bitterest satire on the ma-
-thematical Commissioners who abetted the inhumanity
of Lord Morton, that a premeditated intention could have
devised — leaving the inference, that neither learning, nor
the Christian ministry, to which they all belonged, could,
in their case, supply some of the heart's best emotion
which nature had denied them to participate in.

from □ ℔ 405404 the preference. How he could implied-
-ly assume as if he actually did not know, that in the outrun
to Jamaica the error of the Watch was little more than
a mile; while in his own pamphlet, "The British Ma-
-riners Guide," he does not undertake for the Longitude
nearer than 60 miles. Now, after such tangible evidence,
he could, on the strength of the present [redacted]
come to the conclusion seen here, suggests no better an-
-swer than that, instead of being authorized by the Board of
Longitude (& of Latitude) to publish his proceedings.
That Board if it had not totally swerved from
its purposes, might have been justified in reporting
him a fit subject for a writ de lunatico [redacted].
It reminds us, however, of a Colossus of am-
-bition, "damn'd to everlasting fame" who, after
all his plans were overthrown on the memora-
-ble field of Waterloo, more decisively than those
of Charles 12.th at Pultowa, had the weakness to
demonstrate on paper, illustrating it with a dia-
gram of six Vs [⅄⅄⅄] that by all the rules of the
art of war he ought to have had the victory; &, as
if emulating the Astronomer, he would needs

surreptitious trial (which is preceded by no certifi-
-cate that the Watch was properly prepared)

crescendo: for it is, in effect, a new version of the
Lord Peter's aperçu in Strife that
~~[illegible]~~ when he swears that the
crust is good mutton.

To plant his own standard on the ruins
To demolish the reputation of his rival, &c